Construction of dam on Bhavani river

3385. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cauvery Water Tribunal has directed Kerala Government not to build a dam across Bhavani river;

(b) if so, whether Kerala Government is still continuing to build the dam; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure compliance of Tribunal's directive by Kerala Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The State of Tamil Nadu has filed Petitions before the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) objecting to the undertaking of the construction of a new scheme of a weir across river Bhavani near Mukkali village to divert water to the west outside the Cauvery basin by the State of Kerala. The CWDT has on April 2,2003 directed the State of Kerala that during the pendency of the proceeding before the CWDT, the State of Kerala shall not proceed further with the construction of weir leading to trans basin diversion and shall maintain the *status quo* as it was existing on 7.2.2003.

(b) and (c) No representation has been received either by the Central Government or by the CWDT from the State of Tamil Nadu regarding non-implementation of the order of the Tribunal passed on April 2, 2003 regarding diversion of Bhavani water by Kerala. The State of Kerala has also not approached the CWDT with a petition expressing difficulties in giving effect to the order of the Tribunal dated April 2, 2003.

PAP agreement for water allocation to Kerala

3386. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of water entitled to Sholayar Power House per water year as per the PAP agreement;

(b) the quantity of water released by Tamil Nadu to Kerala Sholayar during the last water year and the present year till 31st January, 2003.

(c) whether Government are of the view that Tamil Nadu Government violated the PAP agreement to distribute water to Sholayar; and